

Notes from Bocce Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 23, 2014 6pm
Council chambers, City Hall

Attendees: Lynn Hallum, Mayor Bob Weger, Alessio DiFranco
Public: Linda Fulton, Cheryl Ota

We read the minutes from the previous meeting to bring the public attendees up to date. We then covered the action items from the previous meeting.

Action items from 4/8 meeting w/ updates:

1. Call Wickliffe City Hall for info on their courts, construction, etc.
Mayor Weger brought several photos of bocce courts from other cities. He also called Wickliffe and indicated the Mr. Excavator built the courts at their Sr. center and that an Amish group built the shelter. He is waiting on a quote from Mr. Excavator and should have the cost of the shelter from Wickliffe by the end of this week. He also said the lumber for the courts was purchased from Lyndhurst Lumber. The owner of that store is a Willoughby Hills resident and we can see if they would be willing to provide us materials at cost.
2. Request quotes for shelter of needed size – Mayor Weger
See update above. Mayor Weger stated that the shelter is the more expensive part of the cost and proposed that we build the courts first and gauge their use before building the shelter in another 1-2 years. We could then add 2 more courts then is used warranted.
3. Request info on cost and material of court construction – Alessio
Alessio indicated that an average court cost is \$6000 to build, which is also in agreement with the \$5-7K number the mayor received from other cities.
4. Determine if possible corporate sponsorship in the city is still available – Mayor Weger
It was suggested by the mayor that the city could build the courts out of the 460 fund, and then a sponsor could pay for the pavilion to cover the courts.
5. Summarize meeting minutes, request room for next meeting – Lynn
Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 13th, at 7pm at City Hall.

Other discussion:

- Some items were added to the requirements list for the courts, a tape measure for each court, and a shed or large tool box to hold the bocce balls, rake, etc to maintain the court. This was discussed at the first meeting but omitted from the list in error.
- Regulation and typical court size were discussed. DECISION: Plan to build 12 foot by 60 foot courts
- Mayor suggested that we request \$15K max from the 460 fund from the rec commission. Next rec meeting is Wednesday, May 7th.

- We drove to Roemisch park and looked at the area where the proposed courts would be. It was suggested that they run North-South to avoid the sun shining in the eyes of players.

Required: (Updates from 4/22 meeting in Red)

- Court size, 60-65 ft. long by 10-12 ft wide (this was updated post meeting from 8-10 ft as discussed during the meeting) **We decided on 12 ft X 60 ft..**
- 3 ft isle between the courts, either sidewalk or gravel (or combo)
- Shelter over courts is needed, with a preferred 6 foot overhang from the edge of the courts to protect them from the elements and make use possible even during rain. With the updated court width this leads to a 35 ft X 72 ft. covered area (Std 36 X 72?). If we decide preference is 3 courts it becomes 48' X 72'.
- Score boards (need to define size, number, location)
- Benches along end are of each court
- Brooms
- Roller
- Access to water and power (available according to Mayor Weger)
- Fences around at least the end of the court. Small enough link so pallino (small ball) does not go through
- Two sets of regulation Bocce balls, 107mm size (approx.. cost \$180 for a full set, including pallino, which should be metal)
- **Tape measures (one per court)**
- **Large tool box or shed for equipment.**

Options:

- Lighted pavilion to continue play after dark
- Bathroom
- Fences around entire court (perhaps used only during tournaments)
- Grandstands for use during tournaments with the ability to be moved

New Action items:

- Obtain quotes from Mr. Excavator and 3 or 4 other sources for building the courts – Mayor Weger
- Obtain cost of shelter from Wickliffe – Mayor Weger
- Continue to pursue possible corporate sponsorship in the city is still available – Mayor Weger
- Bring info from meetings back to rec commission – Lynn